Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 02 Jan 2021 until 23:59 on Sunday 03 Jan 2021

Forecast Issued on Saturday 02 Jan 2021 at 03:22 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for showers for weekend, then mainly dry from Monday, becoming low for the detail of the change to more unsettled conditions later Wednesday.

Headline for Saturday 02 Jan 2021: Sunshine and scattered snow showers. Cold northerly winds.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 02 Jan 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow showers (night)	Light snow showers	Light snow showers	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability					
40%	30%	30%	20%	10%	10%

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Weather: Often cloudy with scattered snow showers along the west coast, mainly north of Skye, and across the far north towards Ben Hope. Elsewhere dry with good spells of sunshine. Showers become less frequent in the afternoon, mostly dry in the evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 60% although the northwest coast and far north, with cloud bases lowering 450-600m in showers. 80% elsewhere, summits mostly cloud free.

Visibility: Very good briefly lowering to virtually nil in snow showers in the north.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	22/24 N	16/18 NW	18/21 N	18/22 N	16/19 NE	13/15 NE	15/18 N
900	19/22 N	12/14 NW	15/18 N	16/20 N	14/17 NE	10/13 NE	12/15 N
600	11/15 N	6/9 NE	7/11 N	8/12 N	7/10 NE	6/8 NE	6/9 N
300	2/16 N	1/10 N	2/13 N	4/15 N	3/12 NE	3/9 N	3/10 N
Glen	7/16 N	5/10 NE	3/10 N	5/12 N	5/10 NE	5/9 NE	5/9 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-4/-12	-5/-12	-4/-12	-4/-11	-4/-11	-4/-10	-5/-12
900	-4/-11	-4/-10	-4/-10	-4/-10	-4/-10	-4/-9	-4/-10
600	-2/-7	-2/-6	-2/-6	-2/-6	-2/-6	-2/-5	-3/-6
300	-1/-2	-1/-3	-0/-2	-0/-2	-1/-4	-2/-4	-2/-4
Glen	2/-2	1/-2	2/0	2/-1	1/-2	1/-2	1/-2
Freezing Level*	200m	200m	200m	300m	200m	200m	200m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Icy conditions will persist on paths. Deep snow on sheltered aspects will make progress time consuming and energy sapping.

Forecast for Sunday 03 Jan 2021
Weather: Plenty of weak sunshine and mainly dry for most ranges, but cloudier in the east towards Ben Wyvis and the Fannichs with a few light snow flurries.

Maximum wind: Northerly 15-20mph veering Easterly or Northeasterly by evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 95% plus for most with bases generally well broken and above summit level. 30-40% around Ben Wyvis and the Fannichs, cloud often lowering to 500-600m.

Visibility: Very good away from areas of low cloud in the east.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 4 Celsius increasing plus 3 Celsius during the afternoon
At 800m: Minus 2-4 Celsius
Freezing level: 200m rising 400m

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